



Dear Friend:

The Public Health Service of the United States government is conducting a large national survey to collect information about the health and nutritional status of people living in the United States. Of particular interest to researchers and policy makers is the health of older persons. By participating in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, you have the opportunity to represent thousands of other older Americans.

AARP supports this worthwhile project and encourages you to participate. The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, last conducted in 1994, is beginning a new cycle that will provide new and important information available through no other means. AARP and other groups use findings from the survey in our efforts to improve health care and promote wellness.

I hope you will take the time to participate in this important study. This is a rare opportunity for you to contribute valuable health statistics on behalf of all older persons living in the United States. The interviewer who calls on you will arrange to interview you at home at your convenience and will also arrange an appointment for a physical examination. All information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to call Dr. Kathryn Porter at the U.S. Public Health Service toll-free at 1-800-452-6115. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Horace B. Deets".

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